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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In November 2011, under your leadership, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) began a multi-year transformation of the Universal Service Fund (USF) and intercarrier compensation, creating the Connect America Fund (CAF). We are writing today concerned that the promises of CAF remain unfulfilled. Idahoans pay into this fund each month with the expectation that the FCC will fulfill its mission to connect rural America. If our constituents are asked to pay into this fund, it is the obligation of the FCC to meet its goal to invest the allotted funds in a way that will meet the needs of the thousands of Idahoans in price-cap territories that remain without broadband service.

The Commission hailed CAF as paving the way for millions of dollars in new broadband investments in Idaho, giving it the ability to connect more than 2,000 previously unserved locations. Unfortunately, the FCC's overly prescriptive eligibility criteria in 2012 restricted broadband deployment, passing over hundreds of households despite available funds. So far, the FCC has yet to uphold its end of the deal and adequate broadband service remains unavailable to rural Idahoans.


Broadband is an economic driver providing access to educational opportunities, remote healthcare applications, as well as online commerce and entertainment. Applications relying on a robust broadband infrastructure are now essential in agricultural markets, for emerging small businesses and for attracting new businesses to invest in Idaho. It is vital to Idahoans that the commission ensures these funds are dedicated to improving the broadband infrastructure that will help revitalize rural America.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



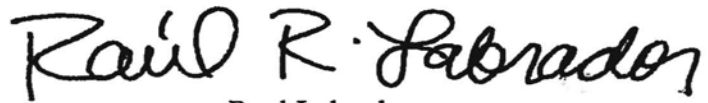
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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
United States Senate
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Crapo:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in its Universal Service Connect America Fund (CAF) proceeding. The Commission is dedicated to distributing all CAF funds in the most effective manner to preserve and advance voice and broadband service, including accelerating the deployment of modern communications networks to consumers who lack access to robust broadband. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Gregory Guice
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